

Timeline of Events: For more details check www.sheffield.dissent.org.uk

Sunday 12 June - Punk Anti G8 Dissent Benefit gig and info sharing at the The Dove and Rainbow Live (under the Boardwalk). Featuring Bands - Dog on A Rope, 3 Stages of Pain & The Plight, Films by Beyond TV, Food by Amy and Brambles, finishing with music by Trollyd Soundsystem. 5.30pm doors open and food available 6pm - 7pm for people to eat food and share info about the anti-G8 mobilisations in Sheffield and Gleneagles, Scotland. 7pm first band on. Contact info@slendermeans.org.uk for more details.

G8 Ministerial meeting in Sheffield starts

Wednesday June 15 - June 17 - Convergence Spaces and Counter Conference. Opening of convergence spaces in Sheffield. For details of accommodation and convergence space contact 07786907084 from **Wednesday 15th June** or check www.sheffield.dissent.org.uk. You can also email sheffieldagainstg8@yahoo.co.uk your details and any specific queries. There will also be an Indymedia centre in the convergence space.

Wednesday 15 June - 11am **Insurgent Breakfast** at Convergence Space followed by **Weapons of Mass Information** with groups out in the street to raise awareness.

Wednesday 15th June - 4.30pm Critical mass bike ride, meeting at Devonshire Green.

Wednesday 15 June - 5.30pm at Devonshire Green for the **demo for the right to protest**. Police have announced that marches in the city centre during the G8 meeting will not be tolerated. This is an outrageous violation of our basic right to demonstrate as guaranteed under the human rights act and the magna carta. The idea of the protest is to express the violation of human rights through people being silent, with mouths taped and hands cuffed, carrying banners that will be blank or blackened so they will say nothing.

Thursday 16 June - Counterconference starts 10am at the Convergence Space and continues on Friday. For details see <http://wiki.sheffieldsocialforum.org.uk/CounterConference>.

Thursday's programme:

10h to 12h Workshop on the Make Borders History Campaign

12h to 13h Lunch

13h to 15h Workshop: Global Footprints, Workshop: Rethinking security

15h to 17h Civil Liberties at large with NO2ID Sheffield

From 21.00h Filmnight at Convergence Center

Thursday 16 June - 7.30pm Make Poverty History **'Rice for Dinner'** event at Devonshire Green. While the ministers dine in splendor, people are getting together to share a simple meal together like billions eat every night. Come along for food and bring musical instruments. For more info email ricefordinner@gmail.com

Friday 17 June - Counterconference continues:

10h to 12h Make Poverty History workshop

12h to 13h Lunch

13h to 15h Workshops on non-hierarchical organising, direct action and Faslane anti-nuclear actions.

16h to 17.30h Panel: Freedom of movement and the right to stay

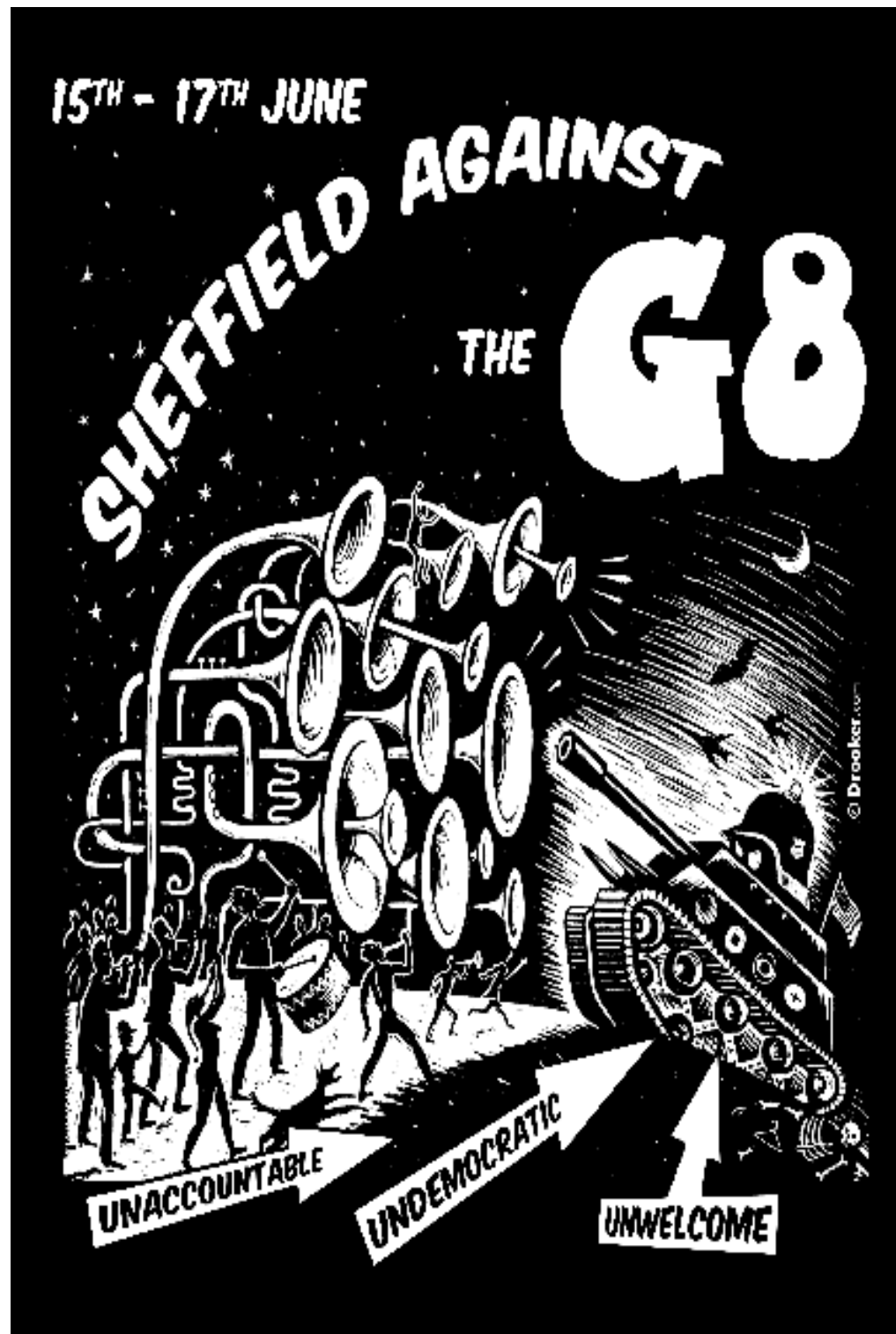
18h to 19.30h Panel: Helping Africa? : Blairs Africa Gambit

Friday 17 June - 8.30pm **Insurgent Party** at Convergence Space to celebrate our own humanity against the inhumanity of the G8.

Thursday 23 June - Bike caravan from Sheffield to G8 mobilisations in Gleneagles, Scotland. For more details contact paddygillet@hotmail.com

July

Saturday 2nd - Friday 8 July - Direct action, protest and counterconferences against the G8 Leaders summit in Gleneagles, Perthshire, Scotland. Also parallel actions taking place around the globe. For everything you need to know about actions and travelling to Scotland see www.dissent.org.uk.



.....RESIST THE G8 IN SHEFFIELD.....

From the 15th - 17th June the Justice and Interior Ministers from the eight most powerful countries in the world - the G8 - will meet in Sheffield. Groups of local people are coming together to show them how unwelcome they and their painful policies are. But also to create space where we can share experiences, learn from each other, and explore alternatives through which we can prioritise the needs, dignity and joy of people and protect our environment. While the G8 Ministers are in Sheffield discussing policies and tactics of increasing repression, we will make clear our rejection of them and work towards true freedom, peace and democracy.

If you make people frightened enough they will agree to anything.....

It has been argued by many that if you get people to be scared enough they will easily give up hard won civil liberties and turn on others to protect themselves. Is this what is happening to us - a constant bombardment of images and sound bites from the media, politicians and other people who we are told "know best", whipping up a disproportionate fear of crime, fear of foreigners, fear of migrant workers and asylum seekers, probably even fear of our own neighbours. Where will this end and where will it leave us and our communities? What will our lives be like when we have traded in all our civil liberties to protect ourselves from these exaggerated demons? No rights to be angry with our government? No right to protest and demand change? Unlimited detention? Trial without jury? Not knowing what we are on trial for? House Arrest? No scope for anonymity and personal freedom - ID cards, CCTV, databases, DNA samples, retina scans? No right to asylum and freedom from persecution and the wars perpetuated by others? No right to work here and contribute to the economic and social well being of our communities? How long will it be until we have no rights at all and all that was hard won for us by past generations is lost?

No Justice No Peace.....

The Justice and Interior Ministers are meeting in Sheffield to discuss these very issues - how people can be controlled and monitored, how much further civil rights can be dismantled to aid the continuing so called "War on Terror", how to keep out asylum seekers and other migrants without considering how the warmongering, perpetuation of conflicts and economic exploitation of people in other countries contributes to migration and how our own countries have grown prosperous from the contribution of migrant workers. Nowhere in this dialogue is there to be any meaningful use of the word "Justice".

So who are the G8 and why do some people in Sheffield (and around the world) see them as bad guys.....?

The G8 countries are the UK, USA, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan and Russia. They are the group at the heart of corporate globalisation and the key exponents of a neoliberal economic agenda. This is an agenda which essentially promotes and protects free trade in all its forms. All aspects of life, from the production and exchange of essential goods and services, through to our health care and education, are to be determined by the forces of the "free market", maximising profit for the few at any human or environmental cost. Profit clearly comes before people and the joy and dignity in life that we should all be entitled to. We see this most clearly in our everyday lives through the privatisation of public services and the increasing hardness of our working lives. In essence, at a global level, the G8 are responsible for co-ordinating this assault on our livelihoods, public services, jobs, wages and environment.

In an ever increasing climate of harsh criticism and suspicion over their agenda, the G8 have made promises on seeking solutions to the world's problems, but in reality have failed to deliver in making any progressive changes. It is clearly evident that through them nothing will ever change. People and the environment continue to suffer, and increasingly so.

The UK holds the presidency of the G8 throughout 2005 and will host a summit for the leaders of the G8 in Gleneagles in Perthshire, Scotland on 6-8th of July. In the run up to this summit the Ministers of these countries will be meeting around the country to discuss a range of issues from security, trade, relations with developing countries, energy and the environment.

People in the UK and around the world are mobilising for a global day of action against the G8 Wednesday 6th July 2005 - the opening day of the G8 Summit. We in Sheffield would also like to play our part in this global groundswell and demonstrate our rejection of the G8 during the Sheffield Ministerial meeting on 15-17th June. Why not join us?

"The realistic course of action today is to demand what is seemingly impossible, that is, something new"

Don't believe what you read in the papers.....

We shouldn't be too surprised that people in power like the general population to passively accept what they want and so implement strategies and laws to ensure this. One strategy is to use the media to run scare stories about how bad people are who challenge those in power, while repressive policing tactics are hidden from view. The people who take to the streets are just like you - mothers, fathers, someone's children, friends, neighbours - just ordinary people who have had enough of injustice and hardship. Just like generations before them who struggled for decent living and working conditions, women's right to vote, jobs and civil liberties, we are just people who strive for better lives for us all. Please don't believe everything you read in the media - learn from others instead, or read about what people are working towards in your community through grassroots news websites such as www.indymedia.org.uk

So how can I join in?.....

A whole host of events are planned in Sheffield and are listed on the back of this flyer, and there are many ways you can get involved - protesting, creative actions against the G8, counter-conference and workshops, benefit nights of bands, sound systems, film nights - we hope you will be able to join us in festival of resistance and change in Sheffield.

For more information contact g8-sheffield@lists.aktivix.org or visit our website at www.sheffield.dissent.org.uk for up to the minute details. For people wanting to come from out of town convergence places for people to stay have been organised. Stay tuned to our website for more details!

"If you go to one demonstration and then go home, that's something, but people in power can live with that. What they can't live with is sustained pressure that keeps building, organisations that keep doing things, people that learn from the last time and do better next time."